

# McHenry County Medical Reserve Corps

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# Where We Are ...

- Chicago collar county
- About 60 miles northwest of Chicago
- Metra train connects far northwest city (Harvard) to Chicago

# What We Have ...

- 604 square miles
- Population 300,000
- 42% growth since 1990 (2<sup>nd</sup> largest growing county in IL)
- Woodstock – home of the Groundhog Day movie site

# Who We Are ...

- Largest employers –
  - Centegra Health System (3000)
  - Follett Library/Software (1200)
  - McHenry Co. Govt (1000)
  - Affinia Automotive Parts (900)
  - Cardinal Health (900)

# Who We Are ...

- 3 Hospitals –
  - Centegra Memorial Medical Ctr
  - Centegra Northern IL Medical Ctr
  - Mercy Harvard Hospital

# Recruiting with Enthusiasm

- Fire them up!
- Driven commitment
- Tactful not pushy

# Communication

- Telephone
- Written
- Publicity
  - Public Information Officer OR ...

# Sustaining with Enthusiasm

- **Quarterly Training**
- **Identify Strengths**
  - personality profile
- **Recognition**
  - Team leadership
  - Display constant appreciation with cards, notes, newsletters . . .
  - Remind members of how important they are to the whole emergency preparedness program

# Training with Enthusiasm

- **Mental**
  - Nonviolent Crisis Intervention
- **Physical**
  - **BDLS: Basic Disaster Life Support**
- **Operational**
  - Incident Command

# Don't Hurt Me!



# Ouch!



# Let's Dance!



# RESULTS !

- 185 active members in 1<sup>st</sup> year
- Identified leaders
- Credentialed deployment
  - flu clinics
  - administrative duties
  - phone banks
  - trade shows
  - disaster/SNS drills

# What Do You Get?

- Happy!
- Well-trained!
- Credentialed!
- Enthusiastic!

# McHenry County Medical Reserve Corps Yeah!

